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GIVES BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON
CHINESE MOSLEMS IN TAIWAN

The following information on Chinese Moslem military and political figures presently on Taiwan was extracted from the Istanbul newspaper Hurriyet from a series of articles written by the paper's correspondent, Hikmet Peridun Es, during a stopover in T'ai-pei on his return to Turkey from Japan. Although Es interviewed Chiang Kai-shek and his wife, he was concerned particularly with Chinese of Turkish descent, originating chiefly in Sinkiang Province. Es said that while their speech differed from his own Istanbul Turkish, only a short time sufficed for him to understand their particular dialect.

In commenting on the Chinese Turkish colony as a whole, Es said that its members were formerly very affluent but have now lost everything. These Chinese Turks, according to Es, are proud of their Turkish descent and well-read on Turkey, but are inclined to feel that Turkey has failed to display the proper interest in their welfare and fate.

Es mentioned two Islamic groups which function in T'ai-pei -- the Chinese Moslems' Society and the Young Moslem's Society, the latter being under the direct protection of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. He also said that the colony is currently translating the Koran into Chinese.

In the course of his articles, Es gave the following biographic information about Chinese Turks:

Abdullah Emiloglu

By blood a pure Turk, Emiloglu is completely informed about Turkey and its people and can read Turkish in both the old Arabic and new Latin script, even though he has never been out of China. He also, of course, knows Chinese. He is married to a Chinese girl and has one daughter, Yildiz, and his wife is expecting a second child. He is currently a member of the Legislative Yuan, having been elected deputy for Sinkiang in 1947.

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By profession, Emiloglu is a newspaperman and has published various newspapers, including Gundelik Erk (Daily Freedom) and Alga (Nation) in Nanking, and the Tientsin Hua Pao (Tientsin Illustrated Post) in Tientsin in both Chinese and Turkish /sic/; magazines published have included Turkish Literary Review, World Magazine, and Higher Learning /original titles and place of publication not given/.

Ayshe Hanim

A teacher by profession, Ayshe Hanim, was the first woman to be elected to the Legislative Yuan. Previously, when elected to the Shanghai Municipal Assembly, she had been the first woman in all China to hold such a post. For a time she served as deputy mayor of Shanghai.

Ayshe Hanim is a graduate of Hankow and Nanking Universities. Married, she has four children; her oldest son, Shi Chung, has studied in the US, while her daughter Shi Ming, is studying there now. Although she and her children are Moslems, unlike her, they prefer to use their Chinese names.

Col Ahmet Zeki Bey

This man studied at Galatasaray Lycee in Istanbul, and currently makes a weekly radio broadcast in Turkish over Radio Free China.

Col Ethem Sabri and Lieutenant Colonel Sherif

These men are both Turks by descent and are currently serving as officers in the Chinese Nationalist forces. The latter, 34, is a Moslem but has recently married a Chinese girl, 16, who is a Buddhist. In such mixed marriages, Es commented, an effort is always made to assure a wide difference in the ages of the man and woman involved.

Other Chinese Turks

Islak Ibrî Suleyman, who has the Chinese name of Sang Yung-tai, is president of the Chinese Moslems' Society and imam of the Turkish colony in T'ai-pei.

Rashide Hanim, another Turkish woman member of the Legislative Yuan.

General Yusuf Bey, a famous Chinese Moslem general, has the Chinese name of Ma Pin-shao.

Ibrahim Bey, another important Chinese Turk, is also known as Tsin-Che-fung.

Colonel Davud Leu, although a Manchurian by birth, speaks excellent Turkish in addition to Manchu and Chinese. Colonel Leu, 33, a graduate of the Chinese Military Academy, studied at the Turkish Military Academy from 1945 to 1948. After his return to China, he was assigned as aide-de-camp to General Omer (China's most famous Moslem commander), a post he still holds. A brother still lives in Manchuria with whom Leu has lost all contact. The colonel, according to Es, is due to receive his generality in the near future.

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